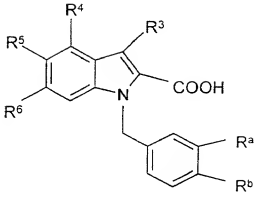
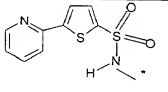
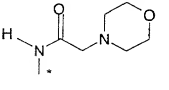
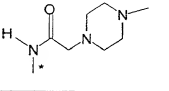
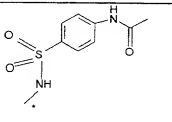
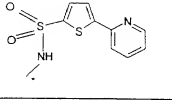
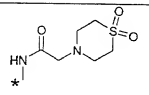
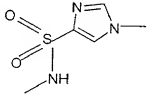
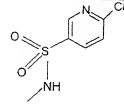
Table 1



Compd No.	R^3	R^4	R^5	R^6	R^a	R^b
1	H		H	H	H	H
2	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
3	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
4	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
5	H		H	H	Cl	Cl

6	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
7	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
8	H	$NHC(O)CH_2NHCH_2COOH$	H	H	Cl	Cl
9	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
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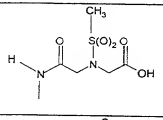
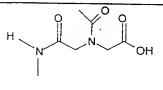
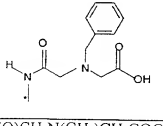
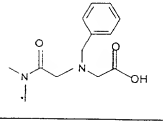
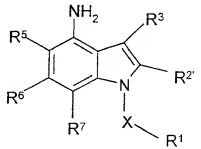
11	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
12	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
13	H		H	H	Cl	Cl
14	H	$NHC(O)CH_2N(CH_3)CH_2COOH$	H	H	Cl	Cl
15	H		H	H	Cl	Cl

where * indicates the point of attachment of the group to the indole ring.

Compounds of formula (I) are suitably prepared by methods such as those described in International Patent Application Nos. PCT/GB98/02340 and PCT/GB98/02341.

In particular compounds of formula (I) where R^4 is $NHCOR^{15}$or $NHSO_2R^{15}$ can be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (VII)



(VII)

where X, R^1, R^3, R^5, R^6 and R^7 are as defined in relation to formula (I), R^2 is a group R^2 as defined in relation to formula (I) or a protected form thereof, with a compound of formula (VIII)

$$Z\text{-}R^{22}$$

(VIII)

where Z is a leaving group and R^{22} is a group $COR^{15'}$or $SO_2R^{15'}$ where $R^{15'}$ is group R^{15} as defined in relation to formula (I) or a precursor thereof;

and thereafter if desired or necessary:

(i) converting a precursor group $R^{15'}$ to a group R^{15} and/or converting a group R^{15} to a different such group;

(ii) deprotecting a group $R^{2'}$ to a group R^2.

Suitable leaving groups Z include halo such as chloro.

The reaction is suitably effected in an organic solvent such as dichloromethane or tetrahydrofuran in the presence of a base such as triethylamine or pyridine. Moderate temperatures, for example from 0° to 50°C and conveniently ambient temperature, are employed in the reaction.

Compounds of formula (I) where R^4 is a group $OCONR^{16}R^{17}$ may be prepared by a broadly similar method by reacting a compound of formula (VIIA)